GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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CHARGING OF CHEQUE/DD COLLECTION BY PSU
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

to the reply give to Unstarred question No.5838 on April 26, 2001 and state:

(a) whether all marketing margins and cost of RPO dealers and Oil Corporations are fixed and approved by the Government for marketing the product covered under Administered Pricing Mechanism;

(b) if so, whether the Oil Corporations can charge extra cheque/D D collection charges on such products without Government`s permission;

(c) if so, whether the RPO dealers can also charge actual DD charges borne by them from the customers based on same principle;

(d) if so, whether the Oil Corporations specially IOCL is recovering extra cheque collection charges on the value of the out-stationed cheque against the approved charges of Rs.37 PKL and Rs.15 PKL on MS and HSD; and

(e) if so, the time by which this irregularity is likely to be stopped?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): Marketing margins and dealers` commission in respect of controlled products are fixed by the Government.

(b) to (e): The dealers are reimbursed demand draft/pay order/banker cheque charges on normative basis at the rates approved by the Government. The outstation cheque facility is an additional facility extended to the dealers by the oil companies. The IOC has informed that since they are required to pay bank charges to the bankers on outstation cheques so received from the dealers and deposited by them, such charges in turn are received by them from the dealers.